To: Attorney Tabandeh,
       To expedite the case, this is my proposal of claims 18-23 and 49-53 in order to comply with the 112, first paragraph.
       Please let me know if I can process the Examiner Amendment based on this proposal.
       Thank you so much for your time.
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1-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method for matching an address with a database of pre-approved addresses for printing on a value bearing item (VBI), the method comprising:

       storing a plurality of pre-approved addresses with a predetermined format in the database;

       receiving address data with different formats;

       mapping the received address data with the different formats into the predetermined format;

       comparing the received address data in the predetermined format to the pre-approved addresses in the database for validating the <u>received</u> address <u>data</u>;

       displaying <u>a list</u> **of** potential matches <s>the results</s> for selection by a user<s>, if one or more matches are found</s>;

       selecting <s>an address from the results</s> <u>a match from the list of potential matches</u>; <s>and</s>

       <u>sending a request to the database for address information corresponding to the selected match;</u>

       <u>receiving address information; and</u>

       printing the <s>selected</s> <u>received</u> address <u>information</u> on the VBI.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein comparing data in the predetermined format with valid addresses in the database comprises accessing a remote database of addresses over a communication network.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the database is maintained by a remote address matching server.

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21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the mapping comprises applying a plurality of query permuters to the address data to convert the <u>address</u> data into respective formats.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein applying a plurality of query permuters comprises applying at least one of a direct permuter and a single line permuter to the address data.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein applying further comprises applying a truncate permuter to the output structure of the direct permuter.

24-48. (Cancelled)

49. (Previously Presented) A method for validating an address for printing on a value bearing item (VBI), the method comprising:

    storing a plurality of pre-approved addresses in a database;

    receiving the address from a user using a terminal remote from the database over a wide area network;

    accessing the database from a server that is communicating with the terminal over the wide area network;

    comparing the address received from the remote terminal to the database of pre-approved addresses;

    transmitting ~~the comparison results~~ <u>a list of potential matches</u> to the remote terminal;

    displaying the ~~results~~ <u>the transmitted list of potential matches</u> on the remote terminal;

    selecting a ~~validated address~~ <u>a match</u> from the displayed ~~results~~ <u>list of potential matches</u>; ~~and~~

    <u>sending a request to the server for address information corresponding to the selected match;</u>

    <u>receiving address information; and</u>

    printing the ~~selected validated~~ <u>received</u> address <u>information</u> on the VBI.

50. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 49, further comprising storing <u>address</u>

information ~~relating to the validated address~~ in a companion file upon a validation of the address.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49, wherein receiving the address comprises importing the address from a database of addresses.

52. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 50, further comprising:

receiving a second address from the user;

comparing selected information from the second address with stored information in the companion file;

approving the <u>second</u> address for use if the selected information corresponds with the stored information in the companion file; and

accessing the database if no match is found.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, wherein comparing the second address with the stored addresses in the companion file comprises determining whether a stored address in the companion file is stale, and rejecting the stored address if it is stale.